





Winter Safety Briefing







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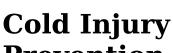


Winter driving tips

POV Safety

Motorcycle Safety

Prevention







Heater Safety

Carbon monoxide













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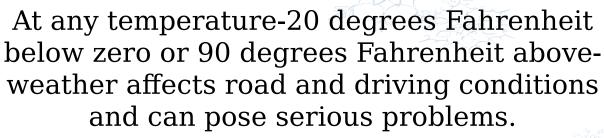








Weather



It is important to listen to forecasts on radio, TV, cable weather channel, or forecasts in the daily papers











Winter driving can be tricky and often dange

Before Your Trip

- Give yourself plenty of extra time to get to your destination. Posted speed limits are set for perfect conditions. The less perfect the conditions, the slower your speed should be.
- Clear your windows, hood, roof and trunk of snow before starting out. Snow flying off your car can interfere with your vision or the vision of other drivers.
- Be sure your tires are properly inflated and have enough tread for traction in snow and to reduce the risk of your vehicle hydroplaning on water on the roadway.









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Before Your Trip (continued)

- Putting extra weight in the trunk or truck bed can give you better traction, but it comes at the expense of steering control and longer stopping distances. If you use extra weight, always properly secure the load.
- Before leaving, tell a friend where you are going, your planned route and when you will return. If you fail to return on time, they should inform the police and not go looking for you themselves. If the roadway was too bad for you to drive, it's probably too bad for them as well.







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While On the Road

- Wear safety belts and make sure children are using safety seats.
- Drive with low-beam headlights on in snow or fog.
 Keep your car's lights clean and free of snow. Dirty headlights can cut visibility by 50 % or more.
- Maintain at least three times the normal following distance from vehicles in front of you on snow or ice. If you are being followed too closely, maintain extra distance behind the vehicle ahead so that you can slow down or brake gradually.







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While On the Road (continued)

- If your car starts to slide on the ice, ease your foot off the accelerator, do not touch the brake and steer in the direction the rear of the vehicle is skidding.
- Winter driving can be a stressful situation. If another driver does something you don't like, remain calm and let it go. You'll be more successful if your attention is on the road.
- When braking on snow and ice, your car's owner's manual will usually recommend the braking technique most effective for your vehicle.





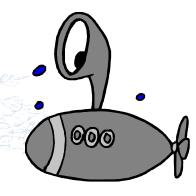


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If you are one of those death defying individuals who scraps a 6 inch port hole in the ice on your car's windshield and then drives to work, **You are a Submarine Pilot**.













ADJUST YOUR SPEED TO THE CURRENT CONDITIONS - When driving in challenging conditions, SLOW DOWN!

Decreasing your speed will allow more time to respond when a difficult situation arises. Factors such as the type of vehicle you are driving, the quality of snow tires your car is equipped with, and your abilities as a driver should all be considered in the speed adjustment.



Maintain SPACE





atience and courtesy save lives.

wareness of other vehicles and your environment is essential.

oncentration - The increased hazards of winter driving make this important.

xit - Always leave yourself an out.







Fog Safety Tips:



Turn on rear fog light when visibility is less than 100 meters

- Reduce speed
- Avoid crossing traffic unless absolutely necessary
- Listen for traffic you cannot see





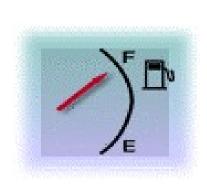








HOT HOT HOT DON'T FORGET TO FILL UP WITH FUEL







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TEN-POINT PLAN FOR SAFER WINTER DRIVIN









Hand in hand with winter comes heavy rain, fog, ice and snow. Bad weather affects visibility and stopping distances. Follow this ten-point plan and be a safer winter driver.

- 1. Allow extra time for your journey and reduce your speed.
- 2. Increase the distance between you and the vehicle in front and be certain you can stop within the distance you can see to be clear.







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- 3. If visibility is seriously reduced by fog, use dipped headlights and rear fog lights. Switch on your wipers to keep your windscreen clear.
- 4. Remember to turn fog lights off when they are no longer needed as they can be a distraction to other drivers.
- 5. Remember the obvious you can see snow, but you can't always see ice.
- 6. Avoid sudden braking, accelerating too quickly and harsh steering in slippery conditions





TEN-POINT PLAN FOR SAFER WINTER DRIVING

- 7. Keep yo (continued) n clear of snow and check from time to time that there is not a build up of snow on your lights.
- 8. Carry a shovel, extra warm clothing, a blanket, a snack and a drink especially if you are traveling through isolated areas.
- 9. If you are going on a long journey, advise someone of your destination and what time you expect to arrive.
- 10.If you feel uncomfortable driving in bad weather, consider whether your journey is really necessary or whether you can go by an alternative to the car.











WARM-UP AND CLEAN-OFF



1. IDLE ENGINE - DO NOT RACE ENGINE!
2. CLEAN OFF VEHICLE

- COMPLETELY!
 CLEAN ALL LIGHTS
 - SCRAPE ALL WINDOWS AND MIRRORS
 - SWEEP ALL THE SNOW OFF THE Good Hard Ground visibility is important!!!!!



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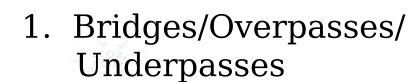


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COMMON AREAS YOU FIND







2. Shaded areas.







BLACK ICE

REACTION DO NOT PANIC!

- MAKE NO SUDDEN CHANGES IN SPEED OR DIRECTION
- EASE OFF ACCELERATOR
- STEER IN DIRECTION THAT THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE IS SKIDDING













Remember Cars Are Expendable, Lives are not!













How do you do it?

There are always riders who feel they are tough enough to ride in the winter by just wearing extra clothing. There may be some intrepid enough to get away with this but the majority of riders need to take precautions both for their bikes and themselves.

Prepare your motorcycle Prepare yourself







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Make sure your battery is up to the Use proper oil Check your coolant Inspect your bike mechanically







Prepare yourself

Attitude

Riding a motorcycle in the winter can be a great experience. You are covered up much more than in the summer and better protected. Your overall movement is somewhat more restricted. Turning one's neck to see traffic on crossroads can be a bit of a challenge. People do not expect to see motorcycles in the winter so you have to be more careful to make sure that you are seen. You have to be dressed to keep warm and wearing somewhat constricting clothing.











Prepare yourself (continued)



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Weather and road conditions

Making a decision to ride in the winter requires that you understand the increased risks over summer riding. If you plan to travel any distance from home, check out the weather forecasts over the route you'll be taking. It may be clear at home but icy and snowy elsewhere on your route.

Clothing

Cover your body and eliminate places where the cold air can easily enter. Use modern fabrics designed to seal out the cold and retain body heat.

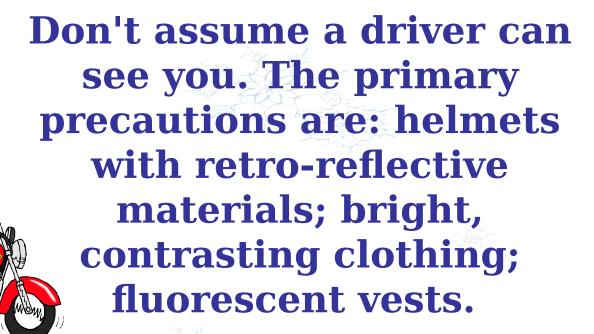




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!!LIGHTS ON!!







Hypothermia

Number One Killer

- Loss of 4 or more degrees F body temp.
- Wet body contributes.

Cause

- Continued Exposure.
- Depleted energy supply.

Symptoms

- Shivering.
- Slow and Shallow Breathing.
- Slow Speech.
- Loss of Coordination.
- Memory Lapse.
- Hunger, nausea, fatigue.

Treatment

- End exposure.
- Warm beverages.
- Keep victim in warm, dry clothes.
- Gradually re-warm.



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Frostbite

Cause

Body tissues may freeze when skin is exposed to extreme cold or touches a very cold object. Most susceptible body parts include nose, ears, cheeks, fingers and toes

Symptoms

Feel extremely cold, numb and possibly tingly White or grayish yellow glossy skin, possible blisters

Treatment

Warm frozen part
with blankets or
warm (not hot)
water
Don't rub the body
part, drink caffeine,
or break blisters
Don't warm with a
hot stove, heat
lamp, or hot water
bottle
Exercise warmed

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Chilblain



- Repeated, chronic exposure of bare skin to temps $32^{\circ}-60^{\circ}F$.

Sign/Symptoms

- Appear as swollen, tender, papules.
- Complaint of burning or prickly sensation.
- Redness.

Treatment

- Passive warming at room temp.
- No rubbing.
- Protect from trauma and secondary infection.











Trench/Immersion Foot



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Cause

- Wet conditions, low temperature.
- Prolonged contact with moisture at temps between 32º-50ºF

Signs / Symptoms

- Numbness and pain.
- Swelling, tingling, itching.
- Pale waxy skin.
- Blistering.

Treatment

- Elevate, wrap in loose dressing.
- Passing re-warming at room temp.
 - No massages or rubbing.
 - Air dry, no immersion in water.







Prevention



Keep Moving, take extra care if it's wet or windy outdoors

Wear warm, loose, layered clothing covering your feet, hands, face and head If you are wet, uncomfortably cold or have numb fingers or toes get to a warm area and into warm, dry clothes or blankets









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Dress Properly

- ✓ Wear several layers of thick loose-fitting clothing.
- ✓ Wear a hat, scarf and turtleneck sweater.
- ✓ The head and neck lose heat faster than any other part of the body.
- ✓ Dress for the cold.
- Don't forget a hat and gloves.









Examples of wind chill:

With the temperature of 5°F and winds blowing at 35 mph, the wind chill index would be -21°F, which could cause frostbite within 45 minutes. (Increased Danger)

With a temperature of -20°F and winds blowing at 35 mph, the wind chill index would be -55°F and could cause frostbite in less than 5 minutes. (Great Danger)

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Air Temperature (°F)																			
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YELLOW INCREASED DANGER (frostbite could occur in 45 minutes or less in dry exposed skin)

RED GREAT DANGER (frostbite could occur in 5 minutes or less in dry, exposed skin)

LITTLE DANGER (frostbite occurs in >2 hours in dry, exposed skin)

Read right and down from the calm-air line. For example, a temperature of $0^{\circ}F$ combined with a 20 mph wind, has an equivalent cooling effect of -22°F.



GREEN





Dressing for the <u>C O L D</u>



Dirt and grease block up the air spaces in your clothing and reduce the insulation value.

Avoid Overheating

Sweat can freeze on outer layers. Stay dry, moisture will decrease the insulating ability of your clothing.

Wear Clothing in <u>Layers</u>

Loose clothing allows air spaces to help trap warm air without restricting blood circulation. Good blood circulation helps to prevent frostbite.

Keep Clothing $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ ry

You've got to keep your clothing dry, from the outside as well as from the inside.











Sports Safety



- Skiing- Downhill
- Snowboarding
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Sledding, tubing
- Hiking and Climbing
- Volksmarching





Most winter recreational activities are performed outside in the elements.

Almost all require some level of fitness.

It is important to remember that you must warm up prior to these activities, especially if it is cold!

Choose proper fitting

Wear a proper a helmet that is specifically made for skiing or snowboarding.

equipment.

You can have equipment adjusted at most local sports stores



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Sports Safety





- 1. Wear clothes in layers
- 2. Cover the mouth & nose to help setwin heat thing that will not absorb water, but will breathe.
- 4. Wear clothing that will keep you warm even if it is wet, such as wool or some of the new synthetic materials (polypropylene, polorguard, fiberfill, quollofil) to guard against
- 5. Since largest heat loss is through uncovered skin (head, neck, hands, etc...), it's important to keep these areas warm and unexposed.



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Heater Safety



ONLY USE AUTHORIZED HEATERS







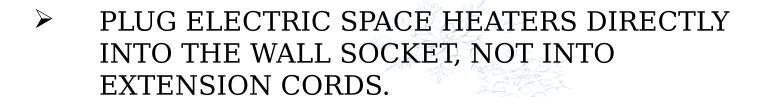




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- PLACE HEATERS WHERE THEY WILL NOT BE KNOCKED OVER EASILY.
- UNPLUG HEATERS WHEN THEY ARE NOT BEING USED.
- DO NOT USE HEATERS TO DRY CLOTHING OR OTHER ITEMS.







Heater Safety



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- ALL HEATERS MUST BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC HEATER OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.
- STOVES WILL BE LOCATED ON FIRM, LEVEL, FIREPROOF BASES. THE BASES MUST BE IN A CLEAR AREA, KEPT FREE OF CLOTHING AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL, AND MARKED.





!!Carbon Monoxide Poisoning!!

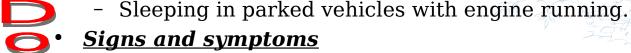


<u>Terminology</u>

- Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced by gasoline and diesel engines, and faulty heaters.

Cause

 High concentrations gas build up due to poor ventilation.



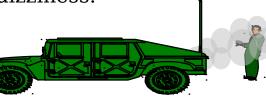
- Headache.
- Weakness and dizziness.
- Nausea.

Treatment

- Fresh air.
- If not breathing, perform mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Prevention

- Adequate ventilation in tents/ fire guards at all times!
- Do not sleep in running vehicles!!!













Other Winter consideration



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Clothing

- Wear a hat!
- Wear gloves!
- Wear shoes with good

 ☐ Check sleigh path

traction!

• Layer your clothes!

Sports

- ☐ Check Equipment
- ☐ Wear a helmet
- ☐ Wear goggles
- ☐ Stay in Pairs

Child Safety

 \sqcap Be aware of the time spent

outside

☐ Dress children in layers

□ Have hot cocoa on hand

Home Safety

☐ Check electrical wiring

☐ Check furnace/wood stove

☐ Have chimney cleaned

□ Review Snow Blower manual

☐ Keep a bag of salt in garage



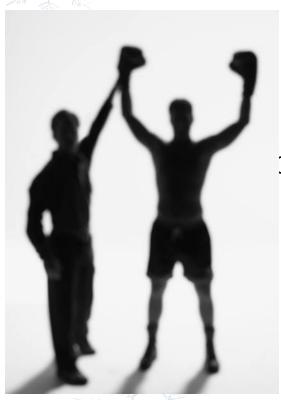




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Training, individual care, buddy system and leadership

success in the cold

